

# ***Washington State Transportation Commission***

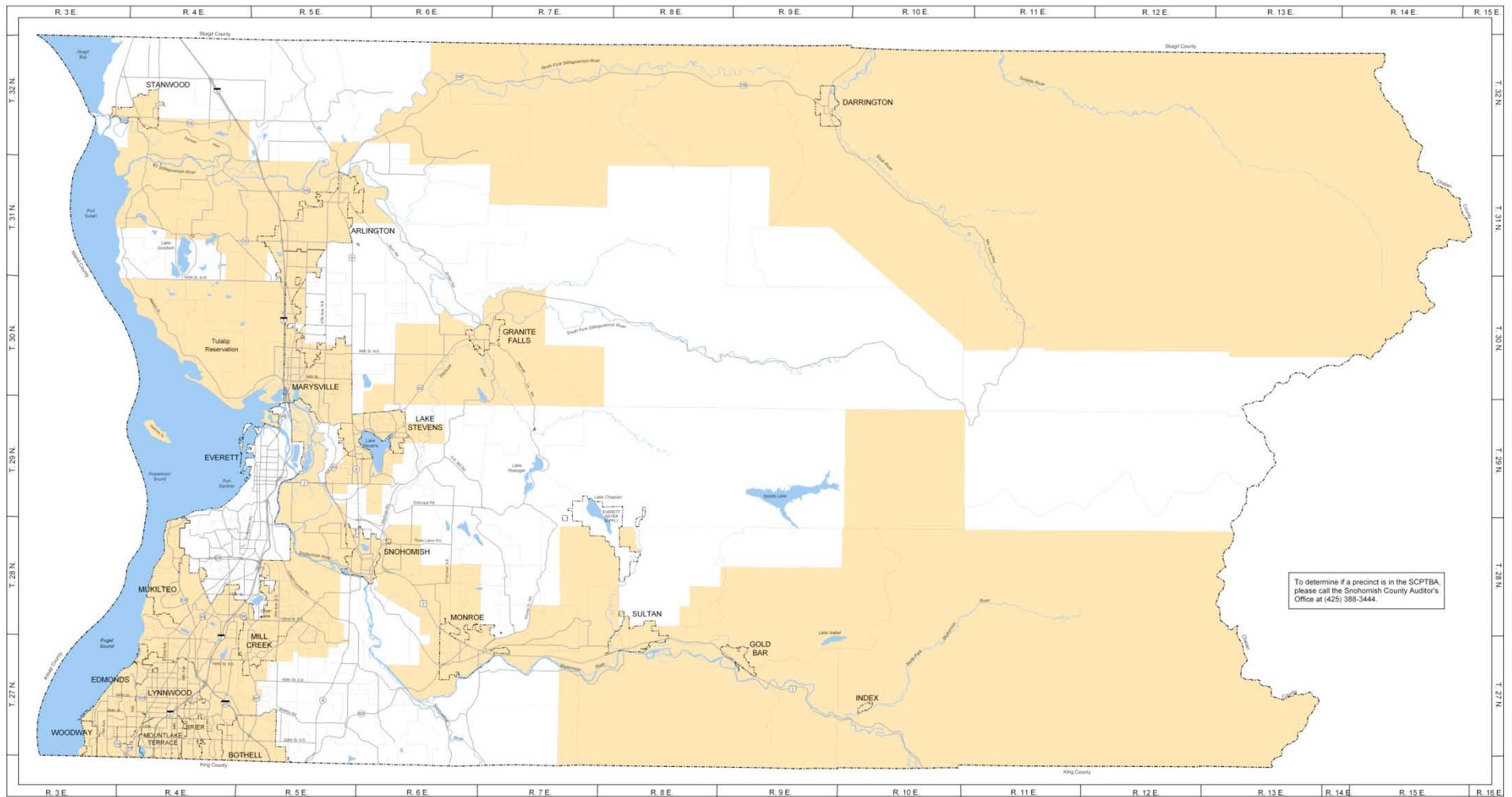
## **Community Transit Update**

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# SNOHOMISH COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT AREA February 2008

## Legend

- Public Transportation Benefit Area
- County Boundary
- City Boundaries
- Major Roads
- Voting Precincts

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# Service Area & Governance

- Service Area: 1,305 square miles
- Population: 494,400
- Board: 9 elected officials from county government and member cities



# Services Provided

- 33 local bus routes
- 31 commuter bus routes
- Each weekday: 41,000 passengers
  - 25,000 within Snohomish County
  - 9,200 to/from Seattle
  - 2,800 to University of Washington
  - 3,300 vanpoolers
  - 700 DART paratransit service





# Employees and Fleet

- 1,016 employees
- 282 fixed route buses
- 410 vanpool vans
- 55 DART paratransit vehicles
- Peak – 231 buses on the road



# Facilities



- 21 Park & Ride lots with 6,736 spaces
- 27 Park & Pool lots with 893 spaces



# Federal Economic Stimulus Funding

- \$14.1 million ARRA funds (SB5307)
- \$425,000 ARRA FHwA – Mountlake Terrace Transit Center
- \$3 million ARRA Tigger – hybrid buses
- \$20 million USDOT Tiger grant pending (not announced until early 2010)





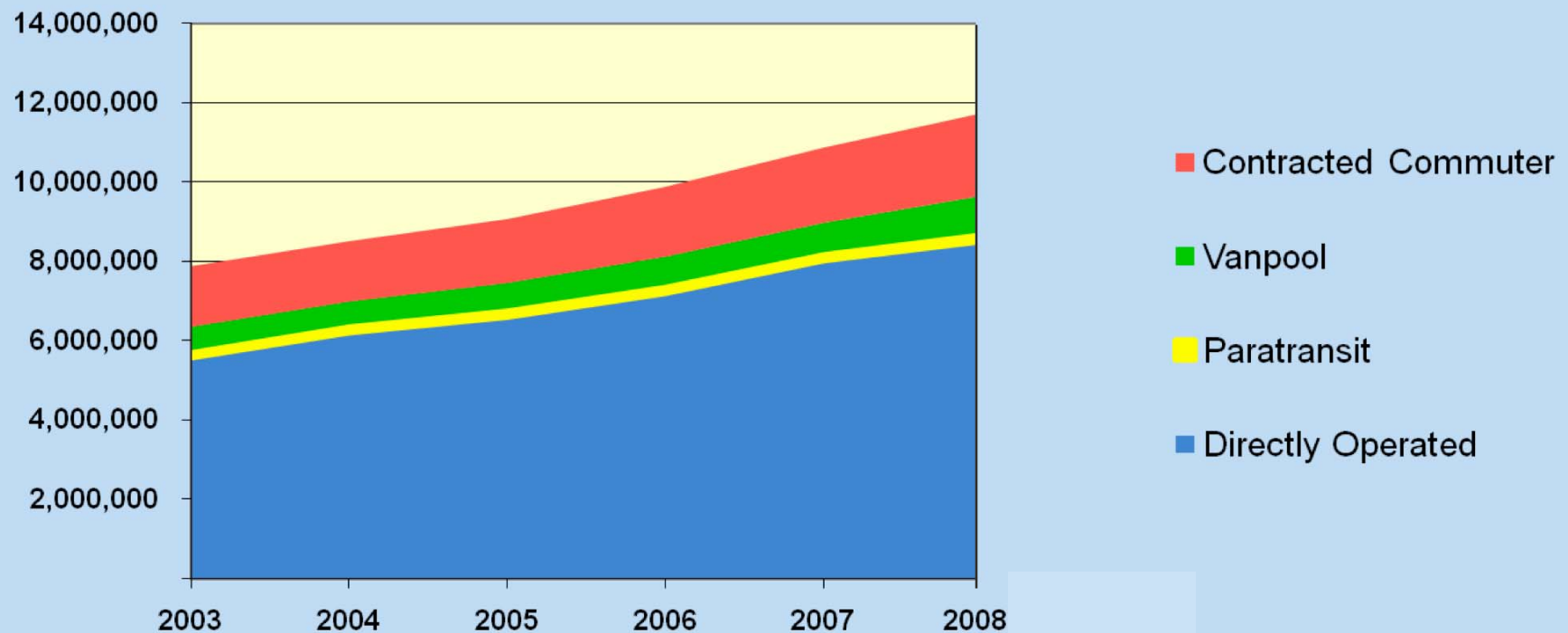
# Return on Investment

- Every dollar invested in public transportation projects = \$6 in local economic activity
- Every \$10 million in operating investment yields \$32 million in increased business sales
- Mountlake Terrace, *Swift* and Cedar and Grove Park & Ride created 300 construction jobs over last 3 years



# Ridership

## Goal is 13 million boardings by 2012





COMMUNITY TRANSIT

2009

## Awareness



Community Transit

**Name the first agency that comes to mind when you think of public transportation in your community.**

Community Transit was named four times more often than any other transit agency.

2009 Snohomish County phone survey: 800 households





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**Favorability**

**80%**

**Favorable**

**What's your opinion of Community Transit?**

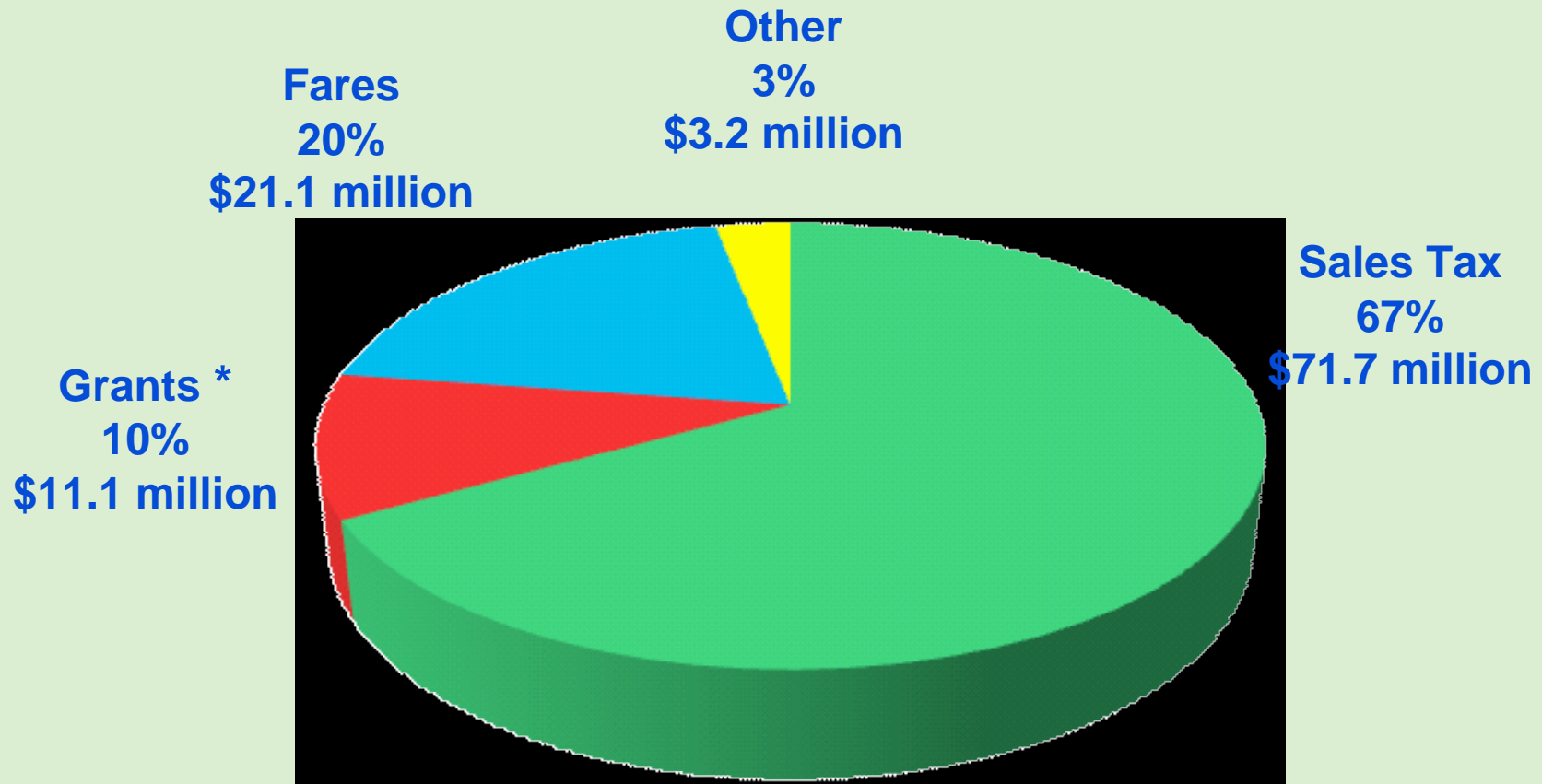
Four out of five respondents gave Community Transit a favorable rating. This was the highest rating given to any of the public agencies mentioned.

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# Sources of Current Revenue

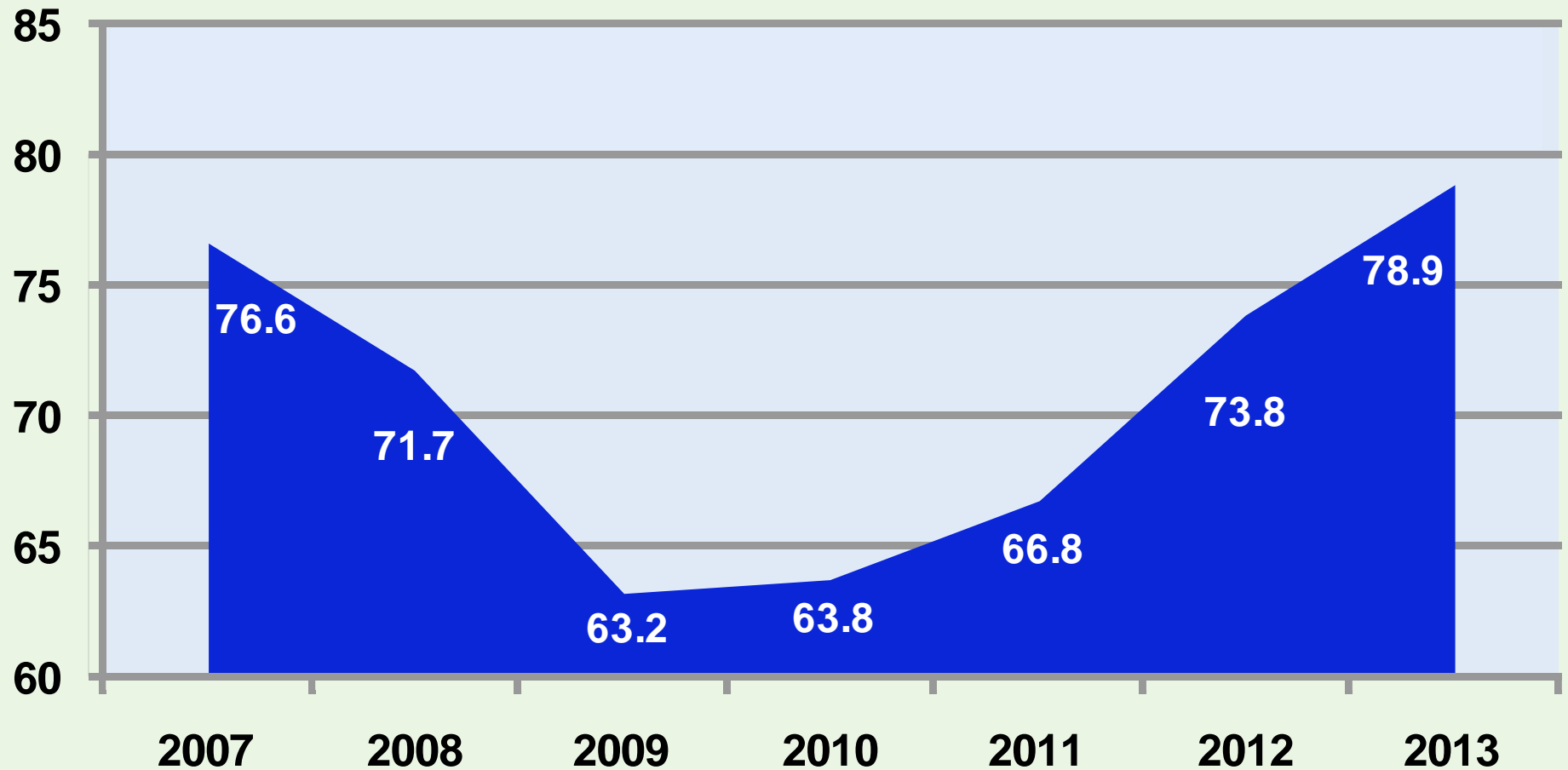


Original 2009 Budget  
Excluding Sound Transit and Interfund Transfers

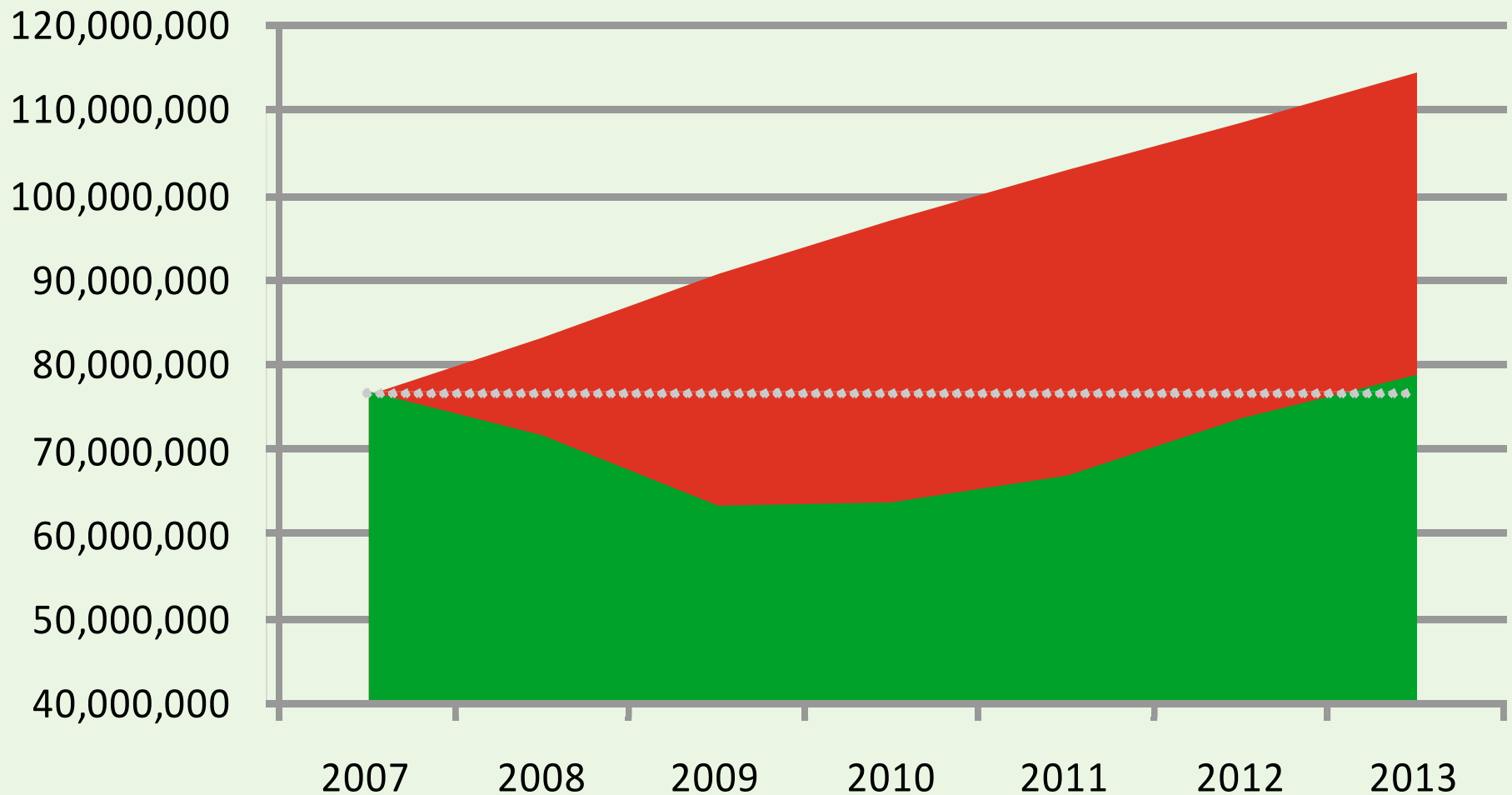
\* Grants are at a higher percentage than normal this year because all federal money has been put in the operating budget. Normally this percentage is lower.

**\$107,133,500**

## Sales Tax 2007 to 2013



## Impact of Recession on Sales Tax = \$180 M





**Community Transit is  
utilizing its entire 9/10's of  
one percent sales tax  
authority**





# 2010 Balanced Budget

- Continue aggressive cost-containment
- Service efficiency cuts
- Service suspensions
- Fare increase
- Capital cuts



# Major Capital Projects

- *Swift*
- ORCA
- Cedar and Grove Park & Ride
- Mountlake Terrace Transit Center
- Double Talls
- Advanced Public Transportation System  
(global positioning vehicle locators; passenger counters; automatic stop announcements; “Next Bus” dynamic signs)



# Long-Range Transit Plan 2010 – 2030

Identifies a strategy for moving forward together

- Recognizes linkage between transit, land use, and infrastructure planning
- Transit Emphasis Corridor network
- Describes corridor planning framework



# Planning Environment

- WSDOT route development plans
- ST2 – Light rail to Snohomish County
- PSRC Transportation 2040 Update
- Climate Change – Green Ribbon panel
- Local comprehensive plan update





# Partnerships

ICC

RTID

WSDOT – Route Development Plans

*Swift*

Transportation Demand Management – Curb the Congestion

ORCA

Service and Fare Changes

Park & Rides

Cathcart Site Master Planning

County Exec's Green Ribbon Commission on Climate Change

Transit Signal Priority

Sidewalks

Transit Emphasis Corridors



